

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A user interface for managing a project, comprising:
a first area comprising representations of each of a plurality of steps;
5 a second area comprising representations of a plurality of substeps
corresponding to one of the plurality of steps; and
a third area, displayed in response to a selection of one of the plurality
of substeps, comprising:
a representation of the selected substep;
10 representations of at least one and less than all of substeps
preceding the selected substep;
representations of at least one and less than all of the substeps
following the selected substep; and
instructions for performing the selected substep.
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2. A user interface according to Claim 1, wherein the representation of
the one of the plurality of steps indicates that the plurality of substeps
corresponds to the one of the plurality of steps.
- 20 3. A user interface according to Claim 1, wherein the representation of
the selected substep in the third area indicates that the instructions
correspond to the selected substep.
- 25 4. A user interface according to Claim 1, wherein the representations
of each of the at least one and less than all of substeps preceding the
selected substep and the representations of each of the at least one and less
than all of the substeps following the selected substep indicate that the
instructions do not correspond to the at least one and less than all of
substeps preceding the selected substep or to the at least one and less than
30 all of the substeps following the selected substep.

5. A user interface according to Claim 1., wherein the first area and the second area are not displayed simultaneously.

6. A user interface according to Claim 5, wherein the third area is
5 displayed simultaneously with the first area.

7. A user interface according to Claim 5, wherein the third area is not displayed simultaneously with the first area or with the second area.

10 8. A user interface according to Claim 1, wherein the first area and the second area are displayed simultaneously.

9. A user interface according to Claim 8, wherein the third area is not displayed simultaneously with the first area and the second area.
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10. A user interface according to Claim 1, wherein the third area further comprises a selectable graphic, and wherein a selection of the graphic results in display of the second area.

20 11. A user interface according to Claim 1, further comprising:
representations of each of a plurality of elements of a project framework,

wherein each of the representations of the plurality of steps is displayed in association with one or more of the plurality of elements.

25 12. A user interface according to Claim 1, further comprising:
representations of each of a plurality of elements of a project framework,

30 wherein each of the representations of the plurality of substeps is displayed in association with one or more of the plurality of elements.

13. A computer-readable medium storing processor-executable process steps to provide a user interface for managing a project, the process steps comprising:

- 5 a step to display a first area comprising representations of each of a plurality of steps;
- a step to display a second area comprising representations of a plurality of substeps corresponding to one of the plurality of steps;
- a step to receive a selection of one of the plurality of substeps; and
- 10 a step to display a third area in response to the selection, wherein the third area comprises:
- a representation of the selected one of the plurality of substeps;
- representations of at least one and less than all of substeps preceding the selected substep;
- representations of at least one and less than all of the substeps
- 15 following the selected substep; and
- instructions for performing the selected substep.

14. A medium according to Claim 13, wherein the representations of each of the at least one and less than all of substeps preceding the selected

20 substep and the representations of each of the at least one and less than all of the substeps following the selected substep indicate that the instructions do not correspond to the at least one and less than all of substeps preceding the selected substep or to the at least one and less than all of the substeps following the selected substep.

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15. A method for providing project management, comprising:

displaying a first area comprising representations of each of a plurality of steps;

displaying a second area comprising representations of a plurality of

30 substeps corresponding to one of the plurality of steps;

receiving a selection of one of the plurality of substeps; and

displaying a third area in response to the selection, wherein the third area comprises:

- a representation of the selected one of the plurality of substeps;
- representations of at least one and less than all of substeps
- 5 preceding the selected substep;
- representations of at least one and less than all of the substeps following the selected substep; and
- instructions for performing the selected substep.

- 10 16. A method according to Claim 15, wherein the representations of each of the at least one and less than all of substeps preceding the selected substep and the representations of each of the at least one and less than all of the substeps following the selected substep indicate that the instructions
- 15 do not correspond to the at least one and less than all of substeps preceding the selected substep or to the at least one and less than all of the substeps following the selected substep.

17. An apparatus for managing a project, comprising:
- a processor;
 - 20 a display; and
 - a storage device in communication with the processor and storing instructions adapted to be executed by the processor to:
 - display a first area comprising representations of each of a plurality of steps;
 - 25 display a second area comprising representations of a plurality of substeps corresponding to one of the plurality of steps;
 - receive a selection of one of the plurality of substeps; and
 - display a third area in response to the selection, wherein the third area comprises:
 - 30 a representation of the selected one of the plurality of substeps;

representations of at least one and less than all of substeps
preceding the selected substep;
representations of at least one and less than all of the substeps
following the selected substep; and
5 instructions for performing the selected substep.

18. An apparatus according to Claim 17, wherein the representations
of each of the at least one and less than all of substeps preceding the
selected substep and the representations of each of the at least one and less
10 than all of the substeps following the selected substep indicate that the
instructions do not correspond to the at least one and less than all of
substeps preceding the selected substep or to the at least one and less than
all of the substeps following the selected substep.

15 19. A medium storing processor-executable code to provide a user
interface, the user interface comprising:
representations of each of a first plurality of steps; and
representations of each of a plurality of substeps corresponding to one
of the first plurality of steps,
20 wherein one of the representations of the plurality of substeps is
selectable to cause display of at least: a representation of the selected
substep; representations of at least one and less than all of substeps
preceding the selected substep; representations of at least one and less than
all of the substeps following the selected substep; and instructions for
25 performing the selected substep.

20. A medium according to Claim 19, wherein the representation of
the one of the plurality of steps indicates that the plurality of substeps
corresponds to the one of the plurality of steps.

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21. A medium according to Claim 19, wherein the representation of the selected substep in the third area indicates that the instructions correspond to the selected substep.

5 22. A medium according to Claim 19, wherein the representations of each of the at least one and less than all of substeps preceding the selected substep and the representations of each of the at least one and less than all of the substeps following the selected substep indicate that the instructions do not correspond to the at least one and less than all of substeps preceding
10 the selected substep or to the at least one and less than all of the substeps following the selected substep.

23. A medium according to Claim 19, wherein the first area and the second area are not displayed simultaneously.

15 24. A medium according to Claim 23, wherein the third area is displayed simultaneously with the first area.

25 25. A medium according to Claim 23, wherein the third area is not
20 displayed simultaneously with the first area or with the second area.

26. A medium according to Claim 19, wherein the first area and the second area are displayed simultaneously.

25 27. A medium according to Claim 26, wherein the third area is not displayed simultaneously with the first area and the second area.

28. A medium according to Claim 19, wherein the third area further comprises a selectable graphic, and wherein a selection of the graphic results
30 in display of the second area.

29. A medium according to Claim 19, further comprising:
representations of each of a plurality of elements of a project
framework,

wherein each of the representations of the plurality of steps is
5 displayed in association with one or more of the plurality of elements.

30. A medium according to Claim 19, further comprising:
representations of each of a plurality of elements of a project
framework,

10 wherein each of the representations of the plurality of substeps is displayed in association with one or more of the plurality of elements.

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